

Town of Primrose Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee Minutes for April 27,  
2009

Meeting called to order by Dein at 7:35

Attending: Dein, Elkins, Garfoot, Gibson, Haack, Hayward, D. Judd, J. Judd

1. Motion made by Gibson, seconded by Haack, to table the approval of the minutes of March 23 until they were revised to include the Public Comments on the Economic Development and Mineral Resources sections. Motion carried 8-0.

2. Public Comments:

a. Does Brian belong to the American Planning Association? People on the Steering Committee have no schooling on the principles of ethical planning. Who is going to make sure that ethical planning is done?

Reply— Standing said that he is a member of the American Planning Association, not the American Certified Planners. He will insure that ethical principles are maintained in doing the planning, and that this is what part of his contract with the Township includes.

b. If the Survey numbers are meant to be anonymous, why are they on there to begin with? If Brian knows who the numbers belong to, they are not anonymous.

c. The Survey questions don't reflect the wishes of the Township.

d. How can an item be put on the agenda? Somebody requested that an item be put on the agenda, but it is not on there.

e. When is the Committee going to consider Steve O'Connor's and Florence Connor's proposal about how to amend the Land Use Plan?

f. The discussion of the historical sites in the Township was not on the agenda. Or it wasn't obvious that this would come under what was on the agenda 'Cultural Resources'. People who have such sites should be notified that this is being discussed, and they should be able to come to another meeting in which we discuss this again, so that they participate.

Public Comments closed.

3. Standing did a presentation on the initial results of the Survey. The return rate was very good— 58%. He has completed the first phase of the tabulation. He will break out the difference between residence and non-resident vote, and also have the demographic element finished soon. He will also put the results of the Survey on the Website.

In response to question (c) above, he said that questions on the Survey were very much the same sorts of questions that have been used in communities throughout the County and State in their Comprehensive Planning.

4. Standing did a presentation on the draft of Cultural Resources relating to Historic Resources.

5. Standing opened the floor to Public Comment regarding Historic Resources. The comments were as follows:

a. Document rural education system in Primrose and small schoolhouses, including games and activities.

b. Town of Primrose historic book (Mary Zumbrunner -- Mt. Horeb bookstore).  
Get copy.

c. Collect inventory or document an oral history. Request documents and literature and develop collection.

d. LaFollette Farm house foundation still visible in dry conditions. Request historical society plaque? Develop interpretative materials.

e. Take a more active role in barn preservation, re-roofed and rehabilitated. Inform landowners about funding opportunities and other assistance.

f. Work with groups like Barns Association.

g. Collect roster of town officials. Look for volunteers to help archive.

h. Werner Bodeman may have valuable town clerk records.

i. Document slaughterhouse on 92 and U.

j. Document and collect photos of schools, cheese factories, etc. Make available at town hall or online.

k. Consider a small tax incentive to encourage preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures.

l. Let landowners know about existing incentives available. Make process as easy as possible.

m. Digitize, preserve old plat maps and make available. Can photocopy records at State Historical Society.

n. Also, look at or get registered land surveyor's journals.

o. Encourage seniors and others to volunteer to record information and document past of Primrose.

p. Work to establish a Town of Primrose Historical Society. Maybe make town hall available for regular meetings.

q. Mt. Horeb Historical Society (Al Colvin) has some resources devoted to Primrose. (Website of Mt. Horeb Historical Society )

r. Seek information from Primrose Lutheran Church.

s. Consider hiring a town historian.

Public Comment session closed.

6. Standing presented a draft on Mineral Extraction—

7. Standing opened the floor to comments on the Mineral Extraction draft. The comments were as follows:

a. Clarify relationship between DOT and county ordinance. Is DOT gravel extraction from private property exempt from CUP process?

b. Notify landowners with registered mineral extraction sites on their property and

consider re-opening meeting.

c. Uncertainty about what kind of resources might be valuable in the future. Think broadly and don't make regulations so restrictive that it precludes development of resources needed as technology changes.

Public Comment session closed

8. Discussion of future meetings. It was decided to set a meeting on May 27 in which Standing will present a draft on the Housing, Intergovernmental and Agriculture elements as well as outline the process of the Agricultural and the Land Use elements. The Committee will meet without Standing on May 11 to begin a discussion of public input for the elements covered so far, and to begin to issue direction to Standing about how to revise those drafts given public input.

9. Response to questions asked earlier in the meeting:

Question 2 (b) regarding the anonymity of the Survey questions has been asked and answered several times before. From the March 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes, "The surveys are anonymous. No one, including Commission members, know the numbers or have yet seen the result. The numbers have been blocked out." From the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, "no Steering Committee member has access to the list of names that have been assigned numbers for the survey. The surveys are anonymous."

Standing added this: Except in one case, which was accidental, no one but himself has had access to the numbers on the surveys. In that one case, the number was changed so that no one could have access to that person's number on the survey. The reason to assign numbers to names was to have an accurate record of who was sent the survey—to be sure that all residents would receive surveys and that there would be one survey sent per parcel in the case of non-resident land-owners. The purpose was to insure that people who should get the survey did get the survey and to prevent double counting. Once the surveys were received, the information that linked numbers with names was destroyed, and no one had access to that information except Standing.

There was a comment from the audience thanking Brian for tonight's slide presentation, which the person found very helpful.

—Regarding comment 2 (c), Standing said that that questions on the Survey were very much the same sorts of questions that have been used in communities throughout the County and State in their Comprehensive Planning.

—Regarding the question in 2 (d). Items are put on the agenda by the Chair or can be put on the agenda if two members of the Commission request that it be on the agenda. So if a person wants an item on the agenda, he or she needs to ask the Chair to consider the item or ask two members to request that it be on the agenda. Dein said that he had had no such request.

—Regarding the 2 (e) question about when O'Connor's and Connor's proposal about Land Use would be considered, it was said that that would come when we get to the Land Use Element, which we will consider sometime after the Agricultural element scheduled for June.

—Regarding the notification of those with historical sites and having another meeting to discuss this in order to afford those people an opportunity for public input. Standing said that the people would be notified and they could provide input at future meetings.

10. Motion to adjourn made by Gibson, seconded by J. Judd. Motion carried 8-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Martha Gibson